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SOUTH CAROLINA—FREE TRADE PARTY—YORK DISTRICT.

FEBRUARY 25, 1833.

Read, and laid upon the table.

At a numerous meeting of the State Rights Party of York District, held at Yorkville, on Monday the 7th instant, Wm. R. Hill was called to the chair, and N. M. Foulkes appointed secretary. The following resolutions were proposed, and unanimously adopted:

1st. *Resolved*, That this meeting adheres to the opinion, heretofore expressed, that, whenever Congress exceeds its powers, each State of this confederacy "has the right, and is in duty bound, to interpose and protect her citizens from such usurpation."

2d. *Resolved*, That this meeting now, as heretofore, entertains the opinion that the acts of Congress for the protection of domestic manufactures are "unconstitutional and oppressive."

3d. *Resolved*, That the Convention of the people of this State having passed an ordinance to nullify the said tariff acts—and the Legislature, in pursuance of the said ordinance, having enacted certain laws to prevent their operation within the limits of this State—it is the duty of every citizen of South Carolina to obey and enforce the said ordinance, and the laws passed in pursuance thereof: and this meeting doth hereby pledge themselves to sustain the same by all the means within their power.

4th *Resolved*, That the conduct of the President of the United States in issuing his proclamation to the people of this State, lecturing them on the rights of the States, and directing them to repeal their legislation, is an high-handed act of usurpation, and an unwarrantable interference, by the Executive of this confederacy, between the parties of this State, calculated, and perhaps intended, to stimulate a portion of our citizens to open rebellion against the constituted authorities.

5th. *Resolved*, That the doctrines of the President, in his said proclamation, are ultra-federal, utterly subversive of the rights of the States, and tend to a single consolidated government, without limitation of power.

6th. *Resolved*, That the intimation of the President, in his said proclamation, that the people of this State are influenced by political leaders, who are deceiving them, is, as we believe, dictated by a spirit of personal hostility to certain distinguished citizens of this State—an insult to our intelligence, and a reflection on the patriotism of those in whom we repose confidence.

7th. *Resolved*, That the President of the United States has no legal or constitutional right to declare war against a sovereign State. But, should he attempt to carry his threats into execution, we will, by the blessings of God,

repel force by force: and, for this purpose, we do hereby tender our services to the Governor; and we will be ready to defend, at every hazard, the rights and liberties of South Carolina.

8th. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President; and another to our representative in Congress, to be laid before that body.

W. R. HILL, *Chairman*.

N. M. FOULKES, *Secretary*.

York C. H., January 14th, 1833.



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